

THE 321ST INFANTRY

During our stay here, August 17-September 14, we were carried through an intensive training schedule with special emphasis upon extended order formations and bayonet practice.

This intensive training called for three square meals a day—something that we could not get at that time. It is said that the 321st arrived in France five days ahead of schedule and that no provision had been made for getting supplies to us at that time. We, at least, know that we reached Tonnerre ahead of Divisional Headquarters, which had to be opened up by officers of our regiment. The 321st had a singular record of going ahead of schedules until after the Armistice was signed. From that time on the schedule chasers apparently lost some of their "pep." At least they did not seem able to get us home ahead of schedule.

The unexpected arrival of a large number of troops in this district with poor transportation facilities made the difficulty of getting food supplies quite serious at times. For days at a time there was no use for a garbage can. There was also little use for the wash can, for we sopped our mess kits clean with the last morsel of bread, which was eaten with as much relish as the first. This scarcity of the army ration would have been of little consequence to us had it not been for two additional facts. First, the French of these villages had practically no food-